



Fatality #18 - July 27, 2006

Determined to be Chargeable 07/31/2006

Electrical - Massachusetts - Limestone (C&B)

Specialty Minerals Inc - Adams Mine

METAL/NONMETAL MINE FATALITY - On July 27, 2006, a 25-year-old contractor laborer, with 2 years experience, was fatally injured at a crushed stone operation. The victim was using a gasoline-powered weed trimmer, equipped with a circular steel blade, to cut weeds and brush near a power pole when he struck the guy wire for the pole. The blade severed the guy wire, causing it to contact the energized supply conductors on the pole mounted transformer and electrocuted him.



Best Practices

- Ensure that guy wires from power poles are securely connected to the system ground or are provided with the proper number of insulators installed near the pole end.
- Examine the area for any potential hazards before trimming weeds and brush.

This is the 18th fatality reported in calendar year 2006 in the metal and nonmetal mining industries. As of this date in 2005, there were 18 fatalities reported in these industries. This is the 3rd Electrical fatality in 2006. There were three Electrical fatalities in the same period in 2005.